

REMARKS

By the above amendments under 37 CFR §1.312, the title page has been amended so as to insert the serial number of the related application which corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-001665 filed January 8, 2003.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced and that the amendments require no further search and/or consideration and do not affect the allowability of the claims, such that entry of the amendment is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.42852X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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